

House Resolution 570

By: Representatives Howard of the 121st, Murphy of the 120th, Sims of the 119th, Frazier of the 123rd, Anderson of the 117th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Ms. Judy Patricia Colbert Heath on the occasion of her
2 retirement; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Ms. Judy Patricia Colbert Heath has long been recognized by the citizens of
4 this state for the vital role that she has played in leadership and her deep personal
5 commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, she has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of her time,
7 talents, and energy toward the betterment of her community and state as evidenced
8 dramatically by her 34 years of superlative service to at risk youth and their families; and

9 WHEREAS, Ms. Heath graduated from Lucy C. Laney High School in Richmond County,
10 Georgia, and holds an associate's degree in criminal justice and a bachelor's degree in
11 sociology from Augusta College and a master's degree in public administration from Georgia
12 Southern University; and

13 WHEREAS, Ms. Heath began her career in 1976 and has served as a community treatment
14 center worker and a regional contract services coordinator with the Department of Family
15 and Children Services, a court services worker for Richmond County, and a juvenile program
16 manager, a residential placement specialist, and an assistant district director for District 4 and
17 7 with the Department of Juvenile Justice; and

18 WHEREAS, she has specialized training in the areas of sex offender treatment, family
19 counseling, and group dynamics; and

20 WHEREAS, Ms. Heath serves as an example to her community with her involvement on the
21 boards for Augusta/Richmond County, MH/MR/SA Services, the Department of Family and
22 Children Services, and Richmond County Transition Services; and

23 WHEREAS, she is a member of the Augusta Coalition for Children and Youth, the Georgia
24 Juvenile Services Association, the American Correction Association, the Augusta Chapter
25 for The Links, Inc., and the Zodiettes Social Club; and

26 WHEREAS, her significant organizational and leadership talents, her remarkable patience
27 and diplomacy, her keen sense of vision, and her sensitivity to the needs of the citizens of
28 this state have earned her the respect and admiration of her colleagues and associates; and

29 WHEREAS, Ms. Heath plans to enjoy her well-deserved retirement with her loving husband
30 Richard Heath, Jr., and her two children, Richard and Kimberly; and

31 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
32 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
34 the members of this body commend Ms. Judy Patricia Colbert Heath for her over three
35 decades of efficient, effective, unselfish, and dedicated public service to the children and
36 families of Georgia; congratulate her upon the grand occasion of her retirement; and extend
37 to her their most sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
39 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Ms. Judy Patricia Colbert
40 Heath.